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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - (TEXT PARA 6. AND 7.)

FOR HOLBROOKE FROM STULL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, RP, US
SUBJECT: TRINIDAD HERRERA CASE

REF STATE 107414

1. I THINK YOUR PICKING UP OF THE IBRD PLOY WAS BEAUTIFUL --
AN ATTENTION-GETTING SIGNAL POSITIVELY STATED AND WITHOUT
THREAT, OF OUR CONTINUING CONCERN FOR EXPEDITIOUS FURTHER
INVESTIGATION AND MEANINGFUL RESULTS IN THE HERRERA CASE,
AND OF OUR GENERAL POLICY OF TAKING HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS
INTO ACCOUNT IN EXAMINING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
LOAN PROPOSALS.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND
GUIDANCE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY WHICH WE COULD DEVELOP,
IF YOU AGREE, TO KEEP OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, AND
THEREFORE AT LEAST INDIRECTLY, OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN
THE HERRERA CASE, UP FRONT IN THE FORM OF A SPEECH ON
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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3. I HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION ON MAY 22 AT THE PHILIPPINE INTER-
NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER IN MANILA. THE PHILIPPINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IS A RATHER ACTIVE
ORGANIZATION WITH ABOUT ONE HUNDRED CHAPTERS COMPOSED
LARGELY OF PHILIPPINE CITIZEN VETERANS OF THE U.S.

ARMED FORCES BUT WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZEN VETERANS AS WELL. THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED VETERANS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, AND I WOULD BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. IT IS A RATHER LOW KEY EVENT BUT COULD PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE FORUM FOR WHATEVER LEVEL OF MEDIA ATTENTION WE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

4. I HAVE IN MIND AN EXTENSIVE REVISION OF THE SPEECH ON "MORALITY AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY" WHICH I DELIVERED ON APRIL 16 AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MANILA OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES. YOU READ THAT TEXT (ONE PORTION OF WHICH YOU ACTUALLY HAD DRAFTED UNBEKNOWNST TO ME) DURING YOUR VISIT. BEN FLECK AND ANN SWIFT SHOULD HAVE COPIES.

5. MODIFICATIONS OF THE NAVY LEAGUE TEXT THAT READILY COME TO MIND ARE:

-- REWORK THE PREAMBLE TO BEGIN WITH A MINUTE OF SILENT MEMORIAL TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES, FOLLOWED BY EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION THAT, "THE GREATEST HONOR WE CAN PAY THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN OUR NATIONS' (SIC) DEFENSE IS TO SERVE THE IDEALS FOR WHICH THEY DIED. WE PROPERLY HONOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN...AS WE HONOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND LIVED TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS." IT IS WELL FOR US WHO FOUGHT AND LIVED IN THOSE DARK DAYS OF WWII TO REMEMBER THAT WE FOUGHT NOT ONLY AGAINST THE ENEMY BUT ALSO FOR OUR

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VERY FREEDOM, FOR A BETTER FUTURE AND FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OTHERS AS WELL AS OF OURSELVES.

-- INCLUDE PRESIDENT MARCOS' VERY POSITIVE STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE RECENT ANNUAL MEETING IN MANILA OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

-- BORROW LIBERALLY FROM THE SPLENDID STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA' LAW SCHOOL.

-- REWORK THE TEXT GENERALLY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PRIMARY PHILIPPINE SETTING. MY EXPERIENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES EXPLAINING OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY IS THAT WHEN THAT POLICY IS PRESENTED IN ITS FULL DIMENSIONS AND IN SOME DEPTH, IT EVOKES NEW UNDERSTANDING AND CONSIDERABLE RESPECT. THE PROBLEM IS THAT SUCH EXPLANATIONS MADE IN WASHINGTON RECEIVE AT BEST ONLY PARTIAL REPLAY HERE. PERHAPS WE COULD DO BETTER WITH A CAREFULLY CONSIDERED STATEMENT DELIVERED ON PHILIPPINE SOIL. IN ANY EVENT, WE COULD EXPECT TO

GET SOME INTERNATIONAL PLAY GIVEN THE CURRENT TIMELINESS
IN THE PHILIPPINE CONTEXT. IN THIS REGARD, I AM
ENCOURAGED IN THE PRESUMPTION OF SUGGESTING MY OWN
SPEECH AS A MODEL BY THREE REACTIONS TO THE NAVY
LEAGUE TEXT:

A. THE ORGANIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE NAVY LEAGUE
ANNUAL MEETING WHOSE RESPONSE TO MY SUGGESTED TOPIC
WAS: "DON'T GIVE US ANY OF THAT CRAP, THESE NAVY
LEAGUERS ARE PATRIOTIC RED-BLOODED AMERICANS,"
SAID AFTERWARDS THAT SURPRISINGLY THE SPEECH HAD
BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED; AND

B. LETTERS FROM BILL FULBRIGHT, "AN EXCELLENT
PRESENTATION, THE BEST I'VE SEEN ON THE SUBJECT...A
GOOD JOB IN BRINGING TOGETHER ALL THE BACKGROUND
FROM SO MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES, AND THE RESULT
IS VERY PERSUASIVE.", AND FROM ZBIG BRZENZINSKI, "VERY
IMPRESSIVE SPEECH."

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6. PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR THOUGHT. I AM NOT
MARRIED TO THE IDEA, AND IF YOU HAVE RESERVATIONS,
I'LL HAPPILY DELIVER AN ANODYNE STATEMENT ON THE
BASICS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN EAST ASIA.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE
ADVISE CONCERNING THE TEXT; WOULD YOU WANT IT PREPARED
THERE FOR REVIEW, HERE, OR VICE VERSA, AND IF THE
LATTER WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE? REGARDING MEDIA
TACTICS, WOULD YOU WANT US TO ISSUE THE FINAL TEXT AS A
RELEASE HERE AND ATTEMPT PLACEMENT WITH PHILIPPINE
MEDIA AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS? MOST IMPORTANTLY,
WOULD YOU WANT ANY DIRECT, IF ONLY PASSING, REFERENCE
TO THE HERRERA CASE?

7. HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO READ OUR PARM POLICY
ASSESSMENT?

8. VERY BEST REGARDS.
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